



Chandler Guadagnin

During the ceremony, Chandler placed 2 of the 1,500 ornaments created by persons with developmental disabilities on the tree with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, as a symbol of the 210,000 children and adults that receive services from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Christmas is one of Chandler's favorite times of the year, and he was very excited on this opportunity.

Background

Chandler is 9 years old and lives with his parents & younger sister in Chico, California. He receives services through the Far Northern Regional Center. Chandler began receiving services through the Early Start Program at 7 months of age due to concerns about his motor development. At 12 months of age, he received a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy. Chandler is enrolled in a typical 3rd Grade class. Before he came down to Sacramento, the class made a cheerful oversized Christmas Card for the Governor, which Tyler was able to present in person in the Governor's Office.

Chandler has been fully included in regular education classes since Kindergarten. He currently receives adaptive physical education as a specialized service through his Individual Education Plan (IEP). Chandler receives occupational and physical therapy services through California Children Services. He enjoys Challenger Baseball – his parents restarted the Challenger League in Chico because of Chandler's love of baseball. He also participates in the Little Red Hen Swimming Program, the Sunshine Kids (wheelchair basketball, karate), and loves to read, draw and write stories. His favorite baseball team is the Saint Louis Cardinals.